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- US MTN REQUESTS

1. DURING BILATERAL SESSION JULY 26 INDIAN MTN DEL (KUMAR, HODA, SANDILYA) PROVIDED BELOW MATCHING OF GOI'S RECENT IMPORT LIBERALIZATION TO US INDICATIVE REQUESTS. GOI CHARACTERIZED THESE ACTIONS AS A "RESPONSE" TO US REQUESTS (SEE SEP TEL FOR REPORT OF MEETING).GOI ACTIONS LIMITED TO LIBERALIZATION OF LICENSES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALL OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT/PARTS FALLING IN BTN CHAPTERS 84-85 ON WHICH DUTY HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 40 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT.

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2. THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSING FOR ACTUAL USERS: BTN 25.12, 39.01, 39.03 47.01 (BOTH REQUESTS), 77.01, AND 15.07 IF FOR FINAL CONSUMPTION.

3. OPEN GENERAL LICENSING FOR AIR INDIA, INDIAN AIRLINES,

AND OTHER IATA AIRLINES IS NOW PERMITTED FOR BTNS 40.11, 84.06, 88.02, AND 88.03. (SEE PARA 95-103, CHAPTER 16, OF IMPORT POLICY APRIL 1975 - MARCH 1979).

4. RESTRICTED LICENSES, AUTOMATIC LICENSING UP TO A LEVEL TEN PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEARS PURCHASES BY ACTUAL USERS, ARE AVAILABLE FOR: BTN 39.01, 39.03 (BOTH REQUESTS), 39.05 (IF UNCLASSIFIED OR NEW PRODUCTS), 74.01, 75.04 (BOTH REQUESTED) 76.02, 84.06 (IF FOR DIESELS ABOVE 50 HP), 84.15 (IF PARTS, WHICH ARE NOT CLASSIFIED BY END USE, APPEAR IN APPENDIX V); 84.55, 90.01, 90.24, 90.281, 90.282, 90.29. (SPECIFIC PRODUCTS LISTED IN APPENDIX V OF IMPORT POLICY, PAGES 59-70.) LICENSES FOR BTN 73.02 (BOTH REQUESTS) ARE AVAILABLE UNDER SAME CONDITIONS, BUT ARE LISTED IN APPENDIX VI.

5. CAPITAL GOODS AVAILABLE FOR OPEN GENERAL LICENSES LISTED IN APPENDIX II INCLUDE ONLY ONE US REQUESTED ITEM BTN 9022. OTHER CAPITAL GOODS THAT ARE "LICENSABLE" (SIC.) (UNDER BASICALLY THE OLD LICENSING SYSTEM) INCLUDE 84.01, 84.06 (PARTS FOR GAS ENGINES), 84.40, 84.43, AND 86.09. DEFIBRILLATORS BTN 90.17 CAN BE PURCHASED UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSING BY ANY BUYER.

6. HOSPITALS RECOGNIZED BY THE CENTRAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT CAN PURCHASE US REQUESTED ITEMS BTN 90.17, AND 94.02 UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSES (SEE APPENDIX 10, ITEM 5). OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOSPITALS CAN PURCHASE UNDER AUTOMATIC LICENSING UP TO 1 LAKH OF RUPEES. IF TELESCOPES BTN 90.13 ARE PURCHASED BY RECOGNIZED RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS THE PROCEDURE IS OPEN GENERAL LICENSING.

7. PURCHASES OF BTN 29.01, 37.02, 55.01, 55.02, AND 15.07 (IF FOR HYDROGENATION) ARE PURCHASED UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSING BY DESIGNATED PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES (CANALIZED ITEMS - SEE APPENDIX 8). BTN 31.03, 31.04, AND 31.05 ARE SIMILARLY CANALIZED (SEE APPENDIX 9) BUT LICENSES ARE ISSUED ON BASIS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY. MTN DEL REITERATED THAT US REQUESTS FOR MANY OF THE ABOVE LINE ITEMS WAS ADDRESSED TO STATE TRADING NOT LICENSING.

8. THE FOLLOWING CONSUMER ITEMS ARE "NOT ALLOWED": BTN 74.03, 85.12 (BOTH REQUESTS) 85.19, 90.08, 90.13, 92.12. THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL GOODS ARE "NOT ALLOWED": BTN 73.40, 82.03, 84.52, 84.53, 85.11, 84.06 (VALVES, PISTON, INT. COMBUSTION ENGINES), 84.15, 84.21, 84.22, 87.01, 87.02 (BOTH REQUESTS), 87.03, 87.04-87.06.

9. THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED ITEMS ARE BANNED (SEE APPENDIX 3):

BTN 32.09, 38.11 (BOTH REQUESTS) 74.06, 76.05, 85.21, 90.07.

10. INDIA MTN DEL COULD PROVIDE NO EXPLANATION OF LICENS-
ING TREATMENT FOR FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WITHOUT MORE DETAILED
SPECIFICS FROM US DEL: BTN 37.02, 40.10, 40.11, 902.84,
94.02, 30.03 (BOTH REQUESTS), 37.00, 38.19, 39.05, 85.23.

11. WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPORT RESTRICTION REQUESTS INDIA
DEL INDICATED THEY WERE NOT NEGOTIABLE, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS EXPORT RESTRICTIONS GENERALLY IN FRAME-
WORK GROUP.

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